

North Acton Fire Station



Public Forum Presentation
September 18, 2019



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Current Fire Department Deployment



Station 1

Equipment

Engine 21
Rescue 34
Engine 26
Boat 1
Utility Task Vehicle

Staffing

1 Lieutenant
2 Firefighter / EMTs
2 Firefighter / Paramedics



Station 2

Equipment

Ladder 28
Engine 22
Rescue 33
Hazmat Trailer
SAFE / Education

Staffing

2 Firefighter / EMTs



Station 3

Equipment

Engine 23
Car 30 (Captain)
Brush 25
Boat 2

Staffing

Captain
2 Firefighter / EMTs



Fire Admin Office

Equipment

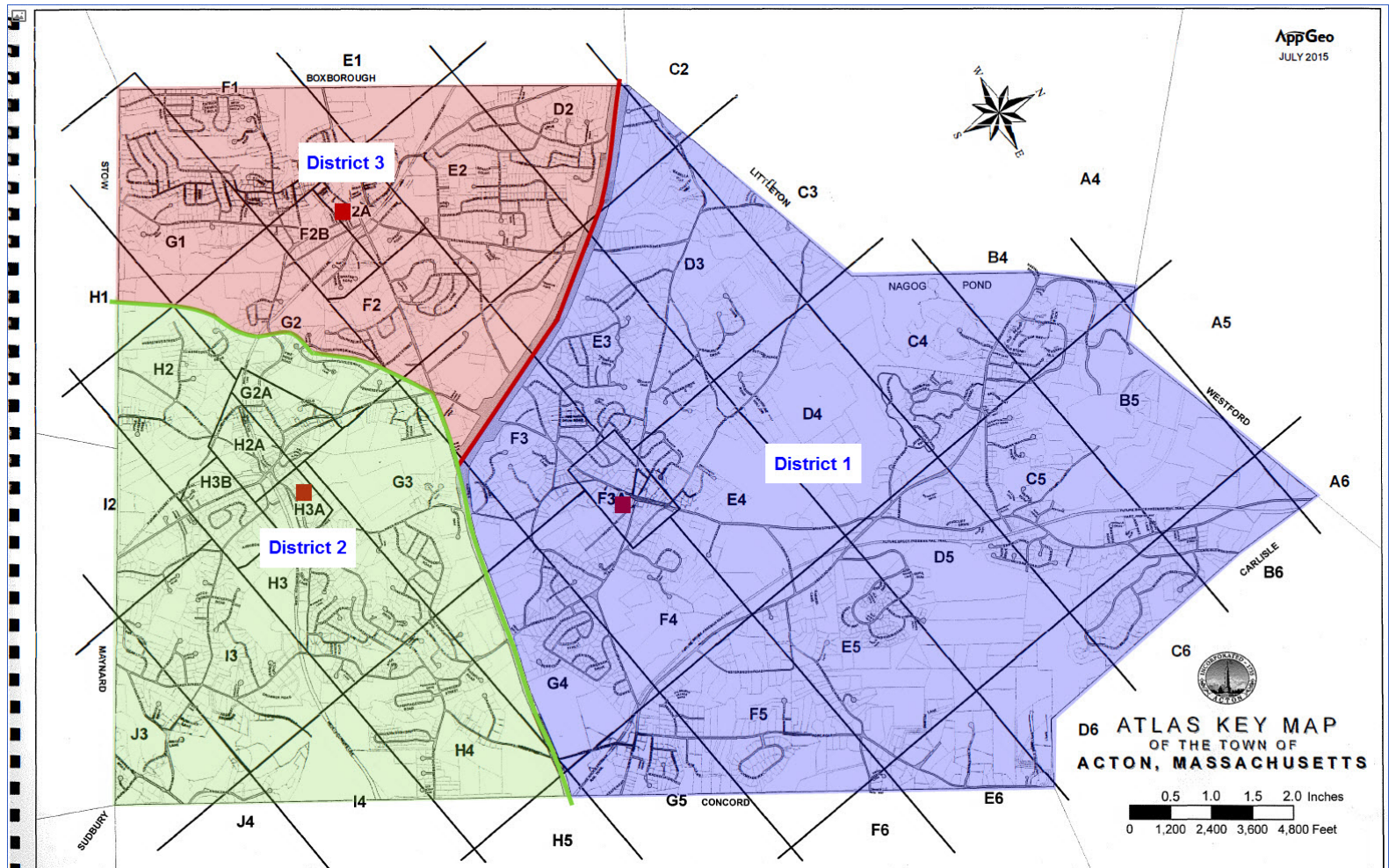
Command vehicles

Staffing

Fire Chief
Deputy Fire Chief
EMS Coordinator
Fire Administrative Assistant

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Current District Map

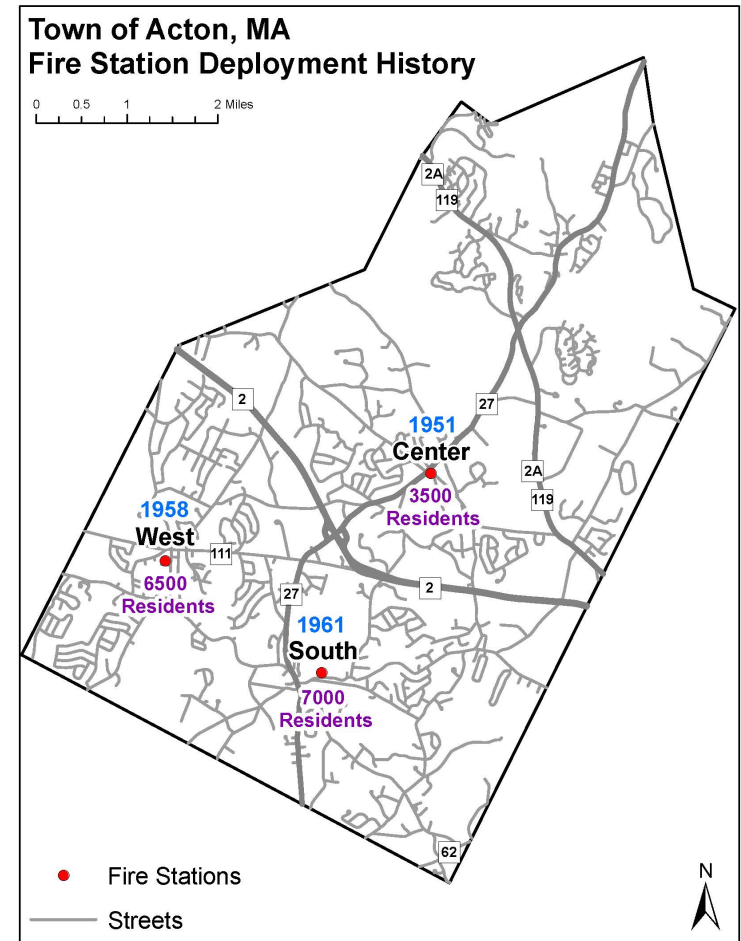


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Existing Stations

	Year Built	Total Acton Population When Constructed
Station 1 7 Concord Road, Acton Center	1951	3,500
Station 2 54 School Street, South Acton	1958	6,500
Station 256 Central Street, West Acton	1961	7,000

Current Population: 23,000

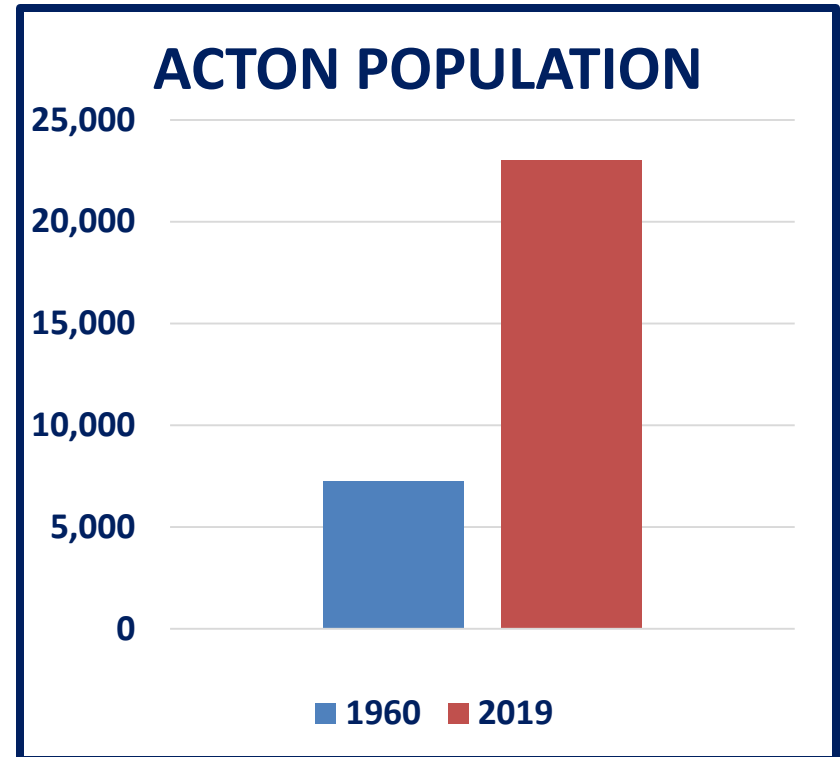


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Why do we need a Fourth Station?

- Increased population and number of responses
- Locations of existing stations concentrated in southern half of Acton
- Growth in North Acton

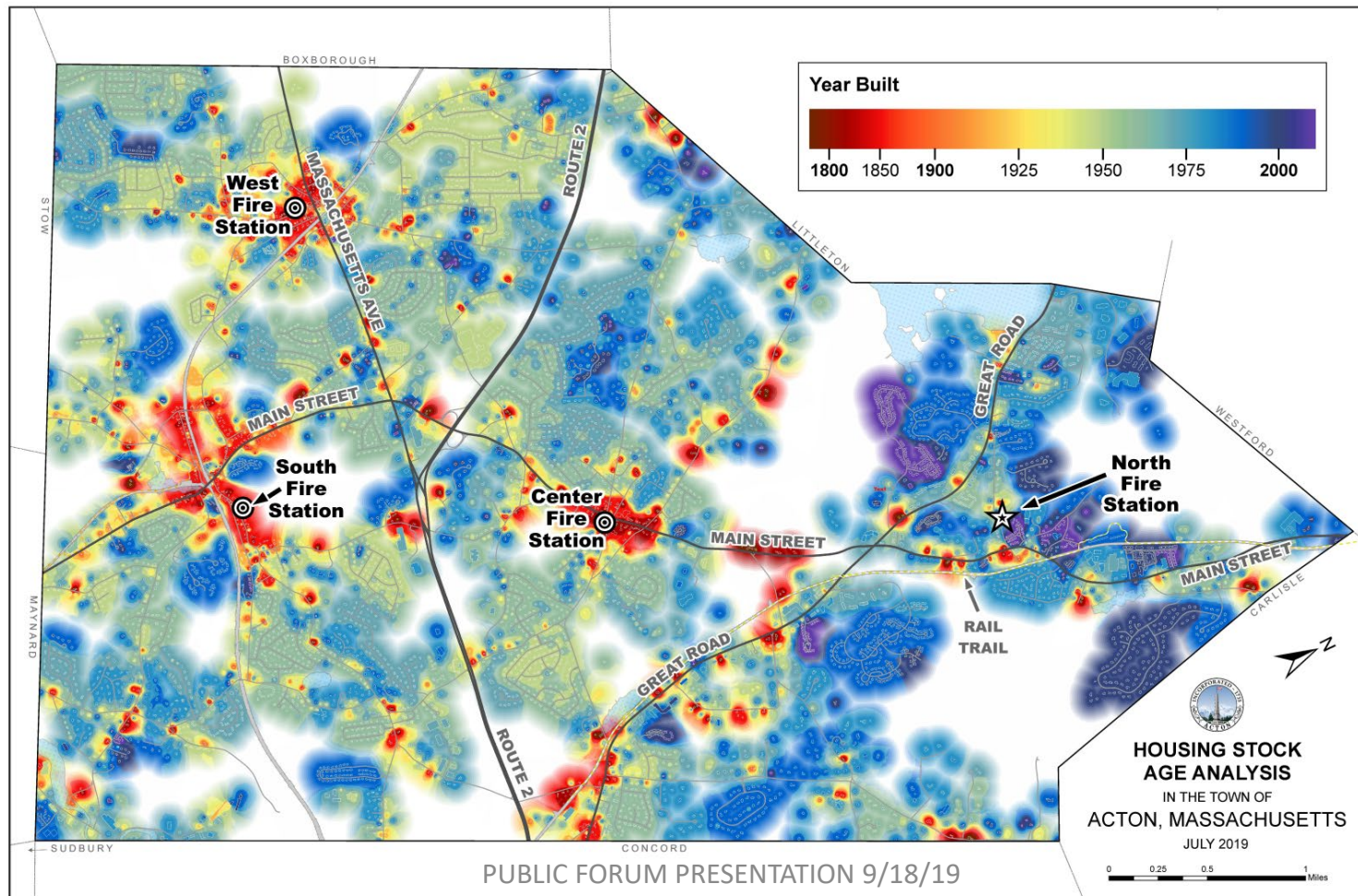
Year	Emergency Responses
1939	21
1960	135
1999	684
2019	2628



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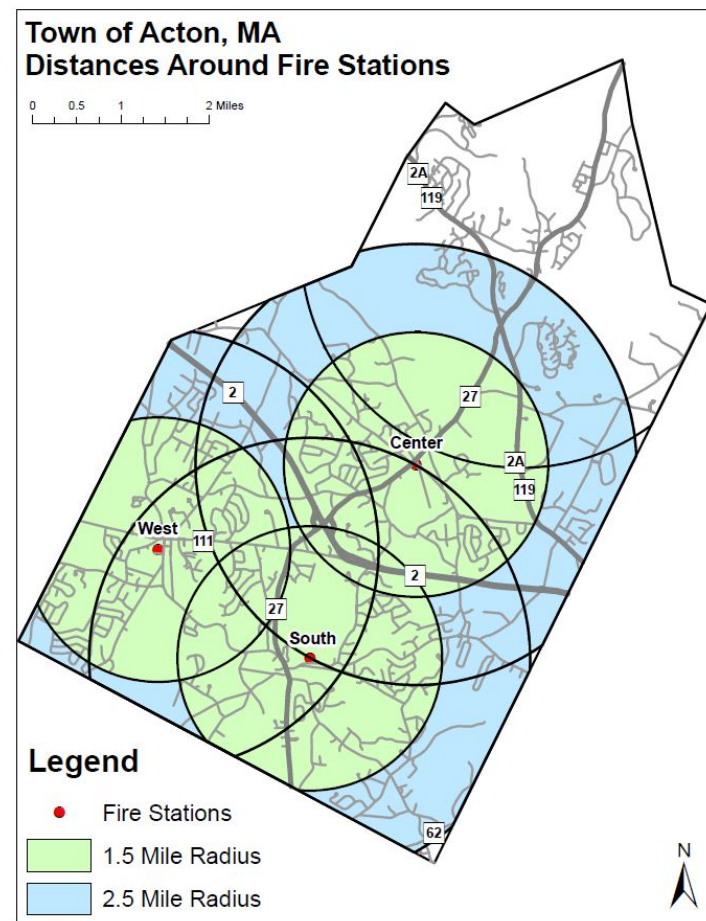


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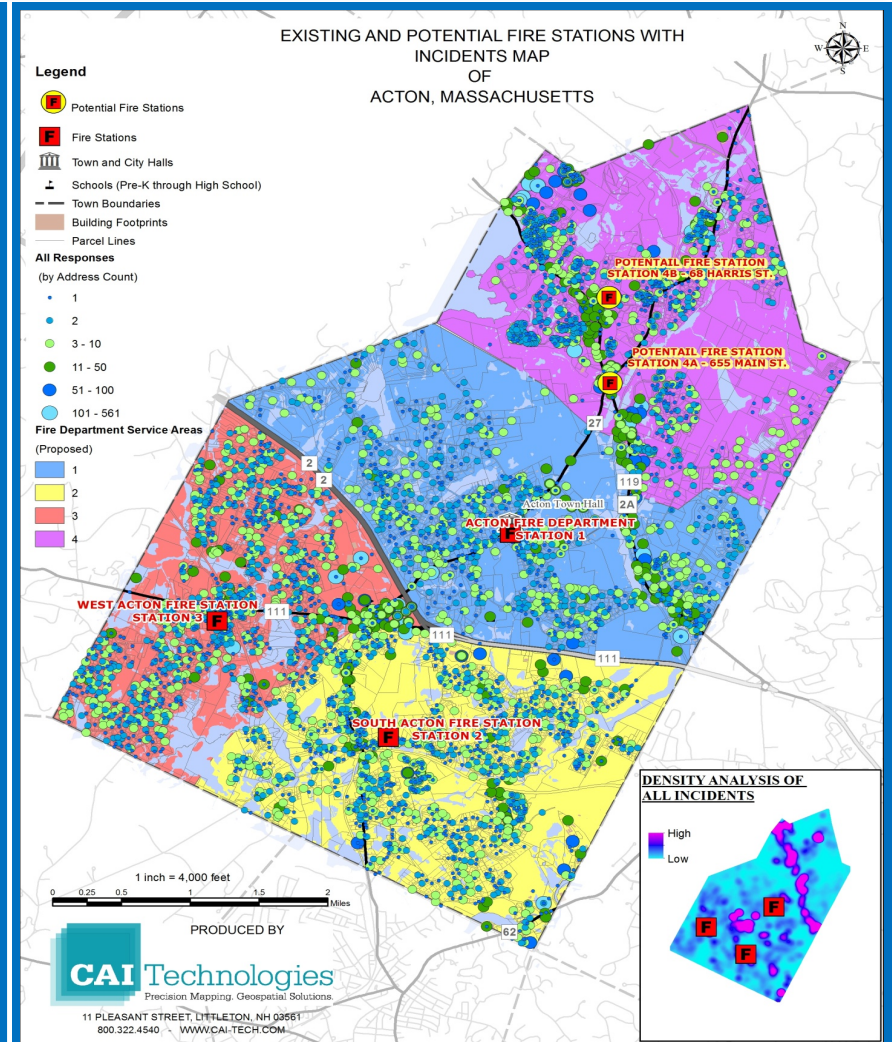
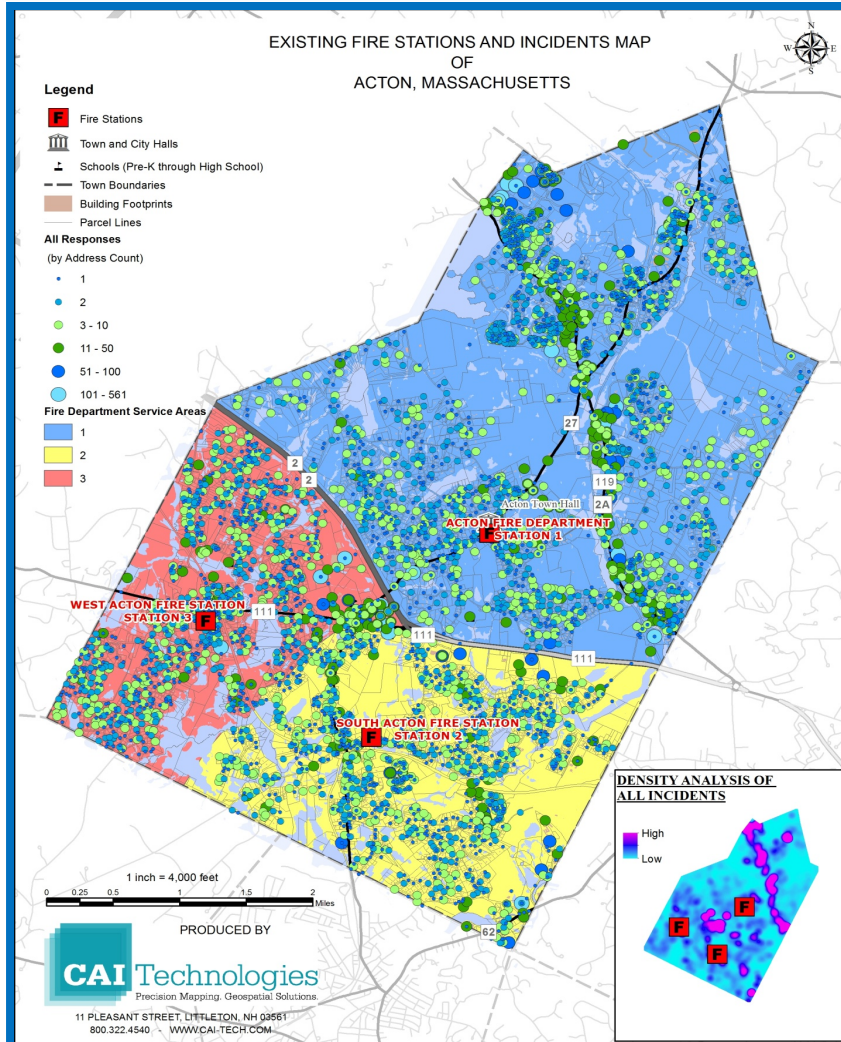
- Insurance Services Office (ISO) deployment and coverage model:
 - First due engine company should be within 1.5 miles travel distance of every location within their first due response area.
 - First due ladder company should have a travel distance of no more than 2.5 miles.

Fire Department Calls for Service	In North Acton	Town-wide
2018-2019	1,251	5,319



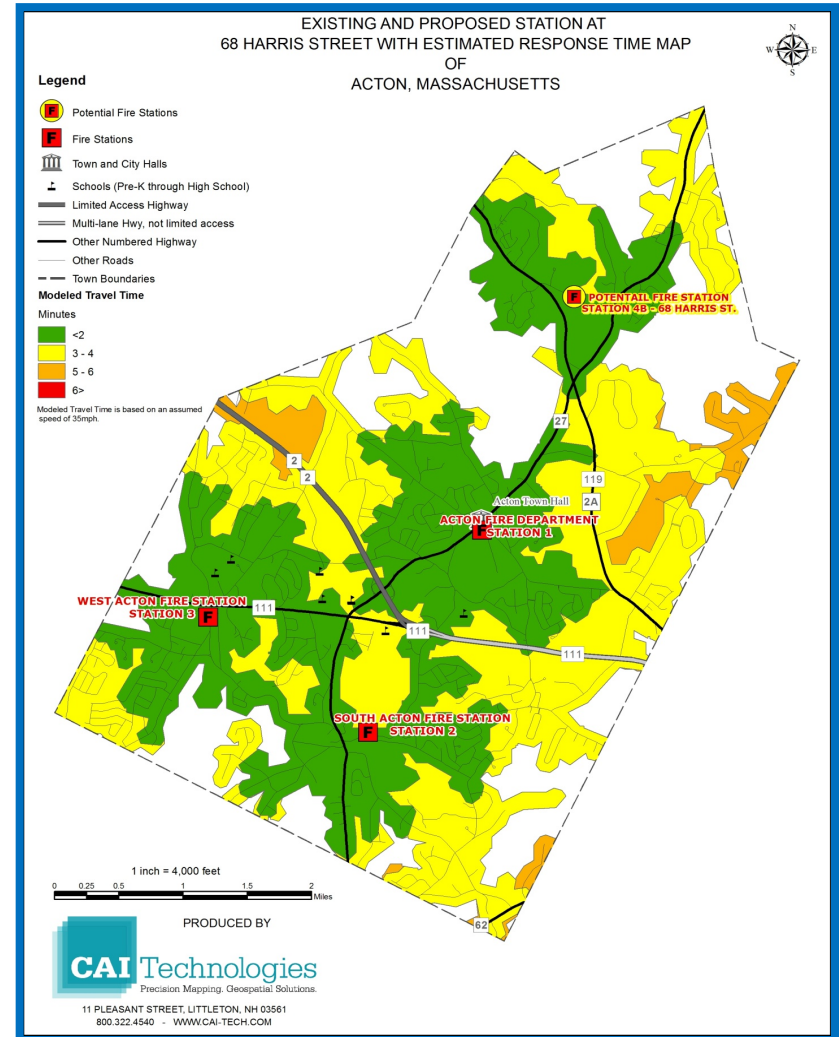
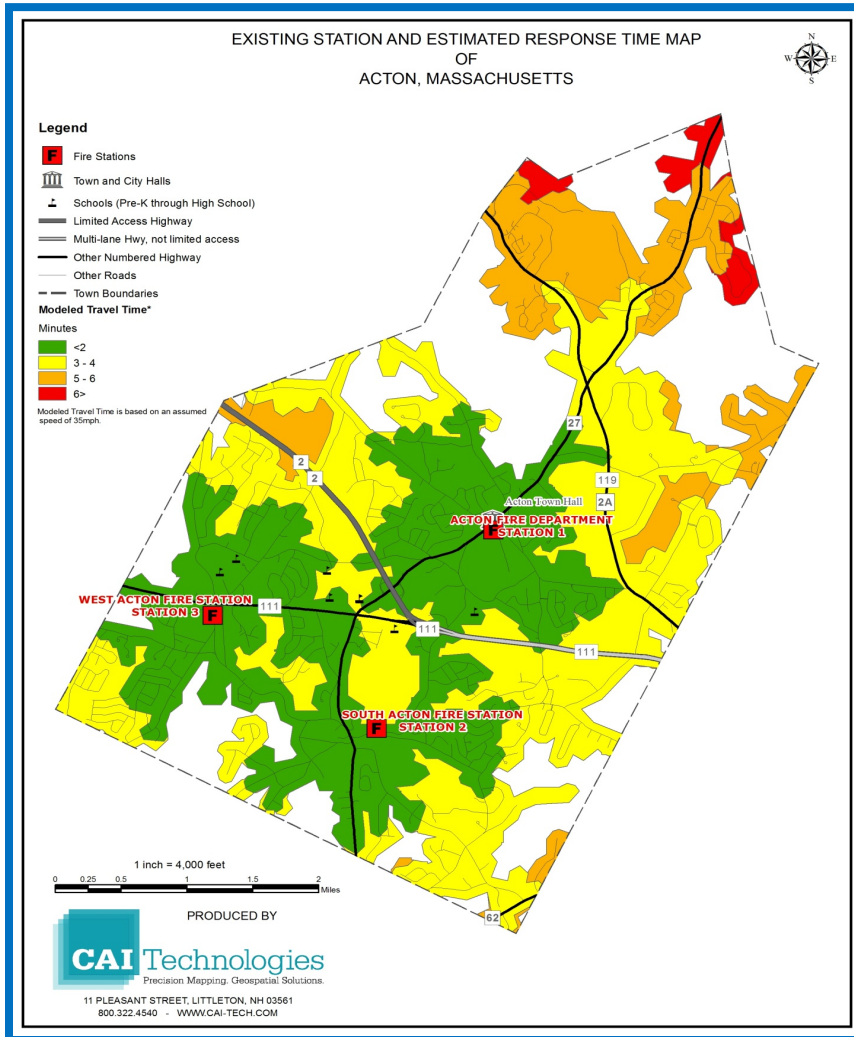
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Response Analysis 2016



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Coverage Analysis 2016



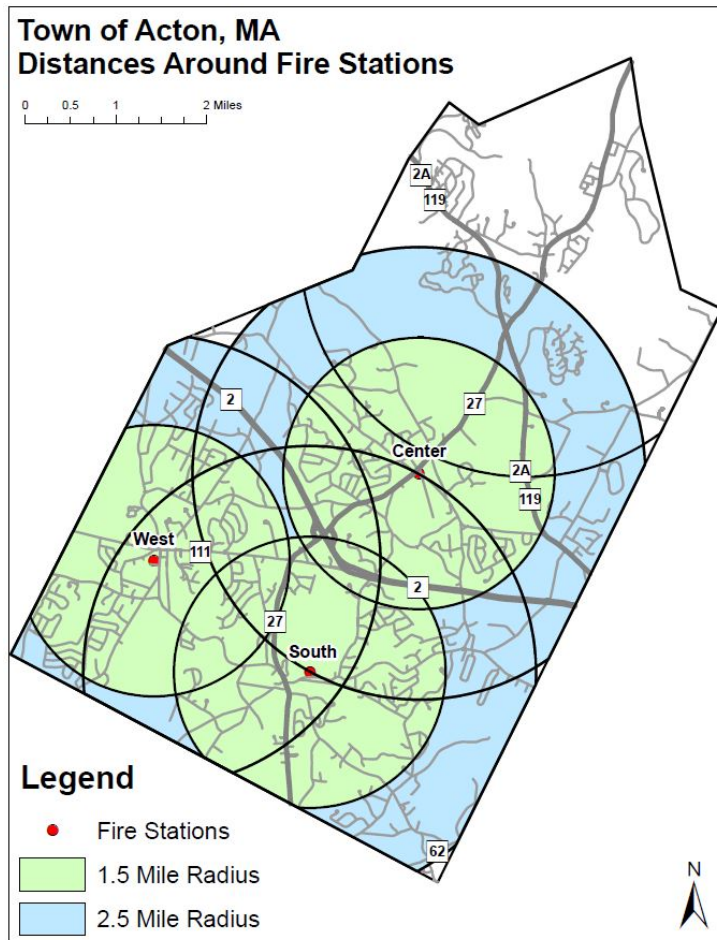
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2018 Town Meeting

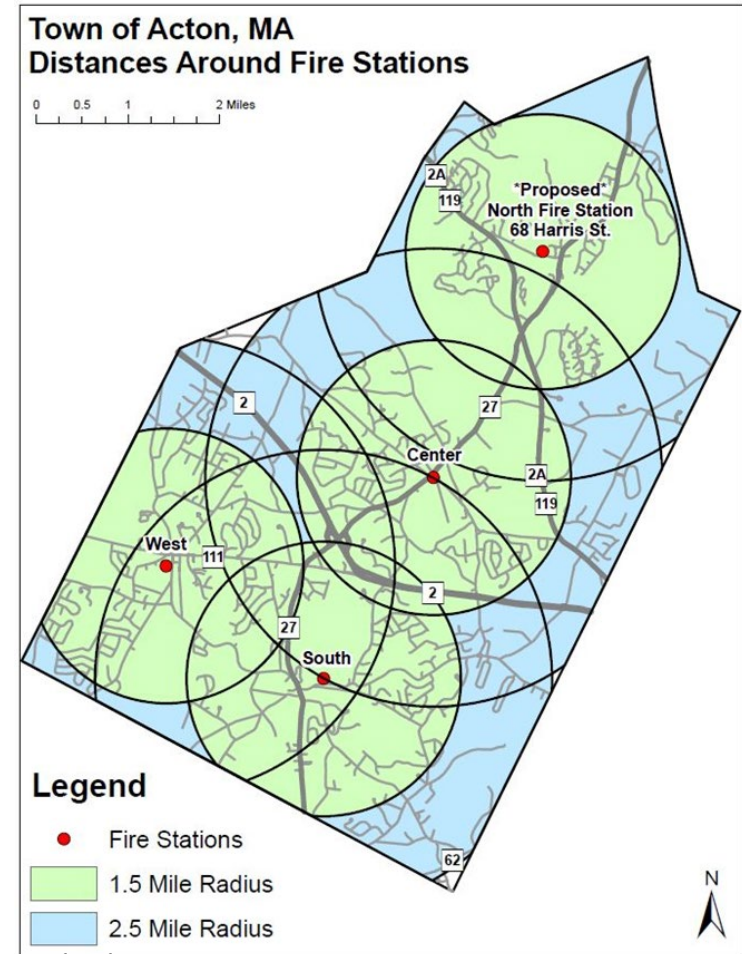
- At the 2018 Annual Town Meeting, Acton voters approved the funding for design cost including architectural and engineering services for a Fire/EMS station to be located at 68 Harris Street.

North Acton Fire Station Coverage Maps

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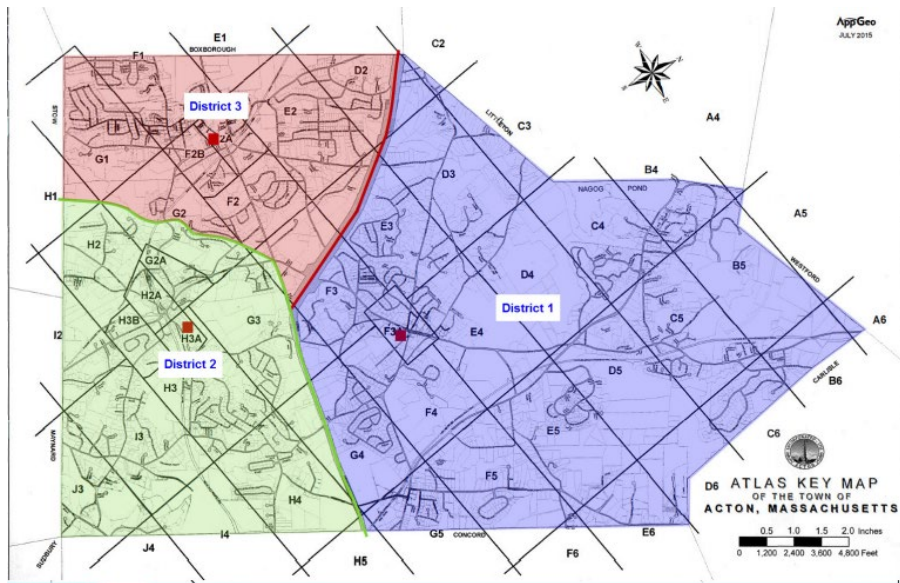


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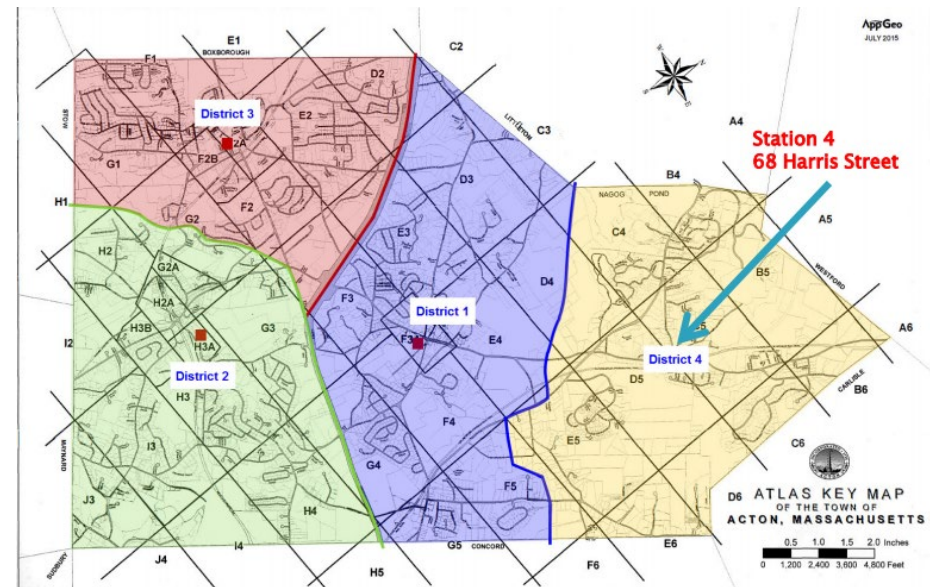


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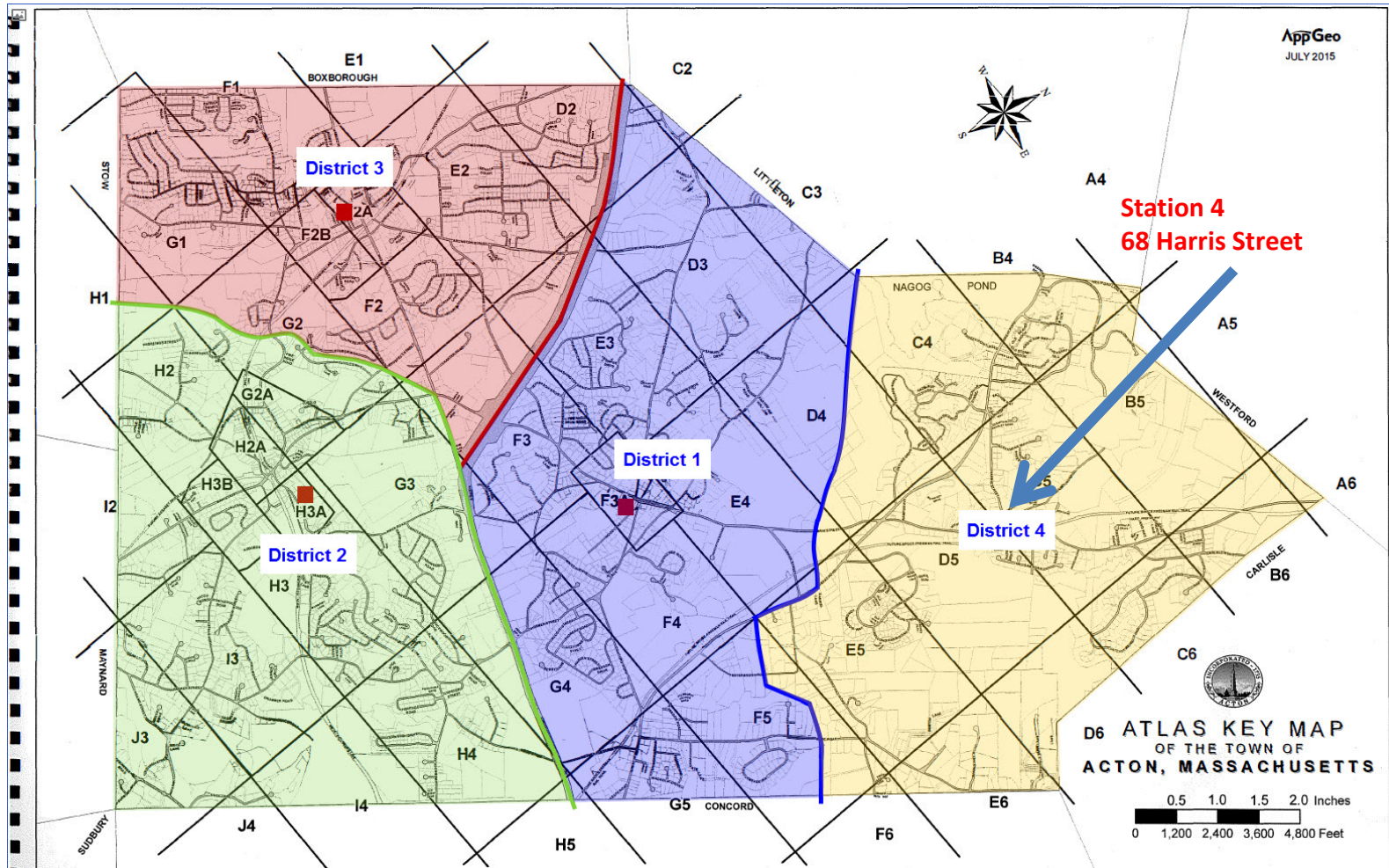


PROPOSED



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Four District Map



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68 Harris Street Site

- Optimal location based on response time analysis and fire station needs assessment study 2016
- Town-owned property
- Layout designed to minimize impact on site and neighborhood
- Improvement to an abandoned property
- Maintain natural features of the site



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Proposed Floor Plan



13,800 SF (12,300 SF footprint plus 1,500 SF mezzanines)

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Conceptual Rendering



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Staffing

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Fire Admin Office

Equipment

Command vehicles

Staffing

Fire Chief
Deputy Fire Chief
EMS Coordinator
Fire Administrative
Assistant

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Planned Fire Department Deployment



Station 1

Equipment

Engine 21
Rescue 34
Car 30 (Captain)
EMS Coordinator

Staffing

1 Captain
2 Firefighter / Paramedics
EMS/ALS Coordinator



Station 2

Equipment

Engine 22
Rescue 33
Fire Alarm Vehicle
SAFE / Education Trailer

Staffing

2 Firefighter / EMTs



Station 3

Equipment

Engine 23
Engine 27
Brush 25
Rescue Boat 2
Car 3

Staffing

2 Firefighter / EMTs



Station 4

Equipment

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Engine 26
Boat 1
Car 4
Hazmat trailer
Utility Task Vehicle

Staffing

1 Lieutenant
1 Firefighter / EMT

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Sustainability Features

- All electric- not connected to natural gas
- Ground-sourced geothermal wells included in schematic design
 - High efficiency, lower operating costs, 12-year payback, lower carbon emissions
- Low E glazing
- Natural lighting in apparatus bays

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Preliminary Cost Estimate

- The Schematic Design Cost Estimate for the Total Project Cost: \$10.9M
 - Includes design, OPM, fixtures, furniture, equipment and other soft costs
 - Includes 20% design contingency
 - Includes 5% construction contingency
 - Includes 4% escalation
- Currently considering and implementing value engineering concepts to reduce the project cost

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Preliminary Cost Estimate – Changes Since 2018 ATM

	2017/18 Recommendation	2019 Schematic Design Estimate
Construction cost estimate	\$7.5M	\$8.4M
Design cost estimate	\$750,000	\$1.1M
Owner soft cost estimates and contingencies (FFE, special fire equipment, decon. room, exhaust system, etc)	(not included)	\$1.4M
Total Project Cost	\$8.25M	\$10.9M

- Total Project Cost = Design, OPM, construction and soft costs
- Value Engineering work underway to reduce cost of the project

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Preliminary Financial Impact

- Final project budget still being finalized
- Proposed borrowing to be requested at 2019 Special Town Meeting Vote (Debt Exclusion also requires a ballot vote)
- A \$9.5M project would require estimated debt service of \$550,000 annually for 30 years
- Estimated annual cost to average single family household: \$65-\$75

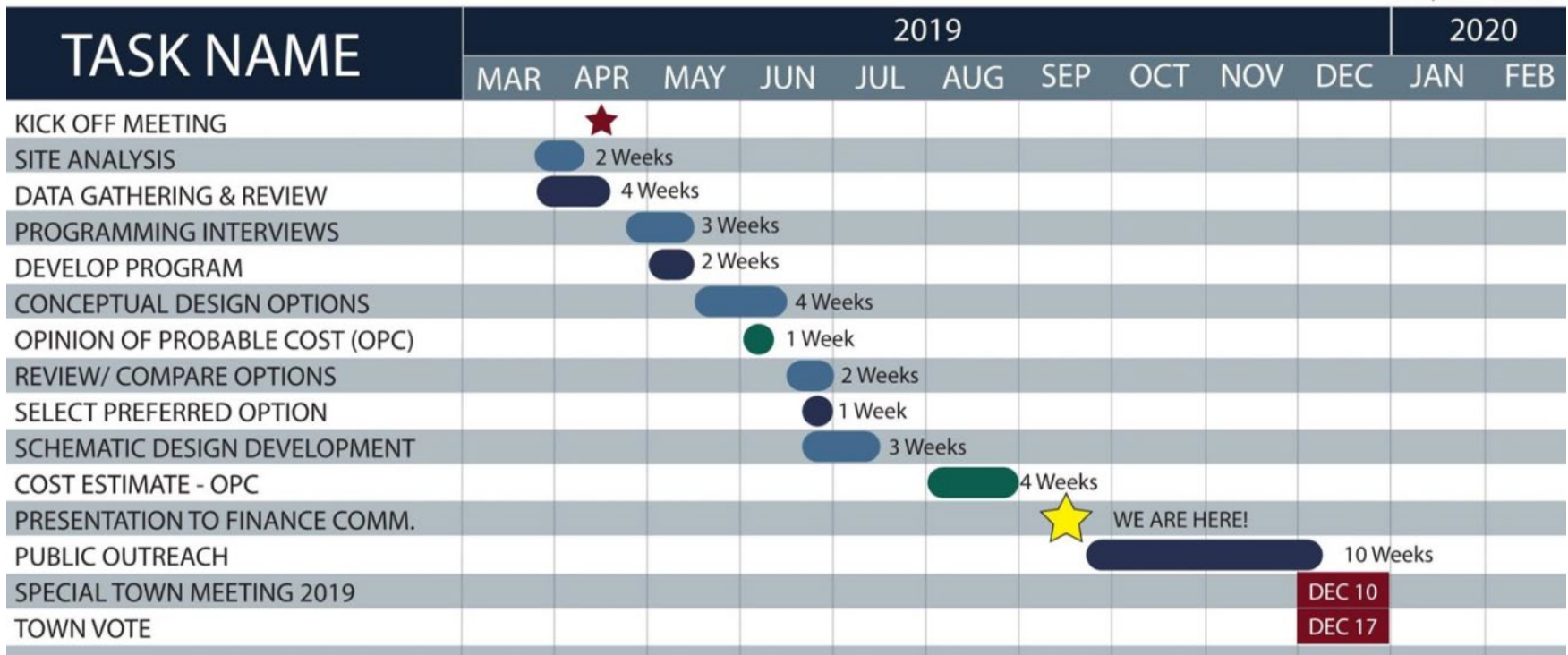
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Next Steps

PROJECT SCHEDULE

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Next presentation will be at September 23rd
Board of Selectmen Meeting

